



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

Harvest Assembly

It was good to see so many parents at last week's harvest assemblies. Thank you for your generous donations of food that were sold in aid of Macmillan.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to the members of FOBS who organised and ran the coffee morning last week. Thank you also to parents who came along and helped to raise £227 for Macmillan.

Internet Safety Session

A reminder about the Internet safety session for parents on **Thursday 11th October** at **3.15pm – 4.30pm**. The session is designed to cover the current issues and risks faced by children concerning social media, gaming and cyberbullying, as well as guidance for setting parental controls. There will be a range of free resources available to take away from the session.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Morris who had a baby boy this week, both are doing well.

School Car Park

The school car park should not be accessed by parents dropping off or collecting children unless you are a blue badge holder. The gates will be closed during morning drop off and pupils and their parents should not use the vehicle bridge onto the school site. We would appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that their children are not allowed to cross this bridge as there are times when vehicles need to use this entrance onto the school site both in the morning and the afternoon. Our primary concern is keeping your children safe as they cross the school car park.

Lateness

A reminder that children should be in school by 8.45am to be welcomed into the school by their classteacher. During the first few weeks we had very few children arriving late but in the last week the number of children coming through the school office because their classroom door has closed has increased. This not only disrupts your child's day but also makes for an unsettled start for the other pupils in the class. Thank you for your support in getting your child to school for the start of the day.

Good to be me week

Next week we will be marking Mental Health Awareness week by holding a 'Good to be Me' week. Children will all have the opportunity to take part in a mindfulness and wellbeing session run by a local Wellbeing and Yoga expert (www.bicestermindfulness.co.uk). Parents are invited to take part in a session themselves on Tuesday 9th October at 11.15am. Please come to the school office if you wish to take part. All children (Y1-6) will have the chance to take part either on Tuesday or Wednesday. Teachers will also be talking to their pupils about the importance of having a 'healthy mind' during the week and that it is important to have moments of calm and quiet in their lives. We will be continuing our work on it being 'Good to be me' throughout the year so should you have any ideas about how we can do this at Brookside please speak to Mrs Coles, Mrs Cockhill, Mrs S. Phillips (HSLW) or Mr Watt.

We are also inviting the whole school to wear something yellow as well as their school uniform on Wednesday 10th October. We would welcome a donation of £1 per child which we will send to Young Minds so that they can continue their work with young people and their families across the UK.

Tag Rugby

Brookside entered two Year 6 teams into the Bicester Schools Tag Rugby tournament this week. Both teams did incredibly well, making good progress from match to match. One team narrowly lost out on going through to the final on head-to-head results but a massive well done to the children who ran themselves into the ground all morning.

Book Fair

Many thanks to all pupils and parents who attended the recent book fair. Brookside received over £300 in commission on the books sold which will be used to buy new books for classes.

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance over the last two weeks.

Class	Week beginning 24th September	Week beginning 1st October
BM	98%	98%
DF	98%	97%
CP	97%	96%
AW	96%	97%
LD	98%	98%
FH	97%	96%
CC	96%	95%
RM/TS	95%	93%
CS	94%	92%

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening
Monday 22nd October	Half Term
Monday 29th October	INSET day/Year 6 French Residential
Monday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12th December	EYFS Production 9:30 a.m.
Thursday 13th December	EYFS Production 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 20th December	KS2 Carol Concert 5:30 p.m.
Friday 21st December	End of Term 3:00 p.m. finish

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell